

THE FRESHEST LOCAL MENTION.

Matters Personal and General In And Around Portsmouth.

HEARD ON THE STREETS.

Gossip and Events in Which our People are Interested, Chronicled in Concise Form—A Daily Diary of Happenings Presented to our Readers Fresh Every Morning—Snap Shots of our Busy City.

The tug Alice yesterday carried stores to the collier Caesar, lying off Pinner's Point. The Caesar is expected to call shortly for Manila.

The thermometer at the navy yard gate yesterday afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock, registered 94 degrees. The record was the same July 4th.

Miss Fannie Moore, of Deep Creek, is in Roanoke, attending the school of methods.

Don't forget the route boys' request. Help him to get through as quickly as possible to-day, so that he may keep out of the hot sun.

This weather is terrible on route boys who have to do their collecting.

The employees of the S. A. L. shops will be paid on Wednesday. The navy yard men on Tuesday.

Mr. James Maskin, of the N. Y. & P. R.R., whose office is in Philadelphia, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., ticket agent for the S. A. L., arrived here yesterday.

Mrs. Rena Parker, accompanied by Miss Elida Codd, daughter of Mr. John A. Codd, left last night for a week's stay in Baltimore.

Mr. W. W. Hudgens and family have gone to Mountain Lake Park in Maryland to spend the summer.

The funeral of Mr. James Ballentine will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock from his late residence, No. 209 Dinwiddie street.

The funeral of Mr. Wm. F. Miller will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock from 722 High street.

The usual preparatory service was held in the Presbyterian Church last night.

Quite a number of persons will accompany the Elks on their trip to Atlantic City, N. J., Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie W. Rudd qualified yesterday on the estate of the late Charles J. Rudd.

Attention is called to ad. of the Port Norfolk Railroad. There is no use going home and being kept for hours when for 10 cents you can ride to Pinner's Point and back and enjoy the breeze.

A number of the truckers are blue enough. Notwithstanding the dull season some of them are going to Europe in August.

This weather people should eat as little meat as possible. Use acids and keep from too much ice water.

Three Misses Smith, of Southampton county, is in the city on a visit to friends.

The condition of Mr. George Crismond was considered critical yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. Guthrie will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Paul's Catholic Church.

There were several lawn parties last night in different parts of the city and suburbs.

The remains of young Jenkins, which were brought here from Carthage, N. C., were interred in Oak Grove Cemetery yesterday.

There was quite a number of strangers in the city yesterday.

Mr. Neal Stringer, of South Portsmouth, was overcome with the heat late Thursday afternoon and was bad off yesterday.

The hot weather continues with no signs of a break up.

Attention is called to ad. of dressmaking.

The colored people were very much alarmed yesterday at rumors that were circulated about the government hospital not allowing visitors.

The Gospel Army had an outing yesterday afternoon, which was greatly enjoyed by the small boys.

The Methodist District Conference was to have been held at Denby's Church, in Norfolk county, next month. On Wednesday a message was received from the congregation of that church saying that they could not accommodate the delegates. The presiding elder held a meeting at Monumental Church last night to discuss the matter.

Motorman Duffee, of the Portsmouth street railway, had both hands burned last night by a live wire. Duffee received a severe electrical shock.

Miss Agatha Mahone is visiting friends in Easton, Pa.

A horse belonging to the Portsmouth Coal and Ice Company was knocked out by the heat in front of Monumental Church yesterday afternoon. Liberal applications of water and ice brought the animal to.

Miss Maud Atkins, of Pittsburg, is in the city on a visit to Mrs. Gayle, on Glasgow street.

NAVAL ORDERS.

The following naval orders have been issued:

Lieut. N. C. Twining is detached from the Philadelphia, on reporting of relief, and ordered to the Washington Navy-yard.

Lieut. D. F. Stiles is detached from the Philadelphia July 16 and ordered home to await orders.

Lieut. S. V. Graham is detached from the Adams, on reporting of relief, and ordered home to await orders.

Lieut. G. H. Burrage is detached from the Mare Island Navy-yard and ordered to the Philadelphia.

Lieut. C. A. Carr is assigned to engineering duty on the Bennington.

Ensign G. C. Sweet is detached from the Iowa July 12 and ordered to the Adams July 16 as watch and division officer.

Boatswain S. W. Gardner is detached from the Caesar and ordered to the Potomac immediately.

Acting Boatswain P. Horbert is detached from the Potomac and ordered to the Caesar.

ADMIRAL BARKER'S SUCCESSOR.

Admiral Barker returned yesterday from Washington. As previously reported, he will shortly assume command of the New York Navy Yard, and will be succeeded here by Admiral Chas. S. Cotton at one time or another. At this station, Admiral Cotton, who is now on bureau duty in Washington, will relieve Admiral Barker on July 16th.

TEACHERS ELECTED.

All the Old Teachers Chosen—Increase in School Population.

The City School Board re-elected all the old school teachers in a body last night. The positions they are to occupy and the salaries they are to receive were not specified, except in the case of Mrs. M. W. Richardson, whose salary will not be less than \$50. The exception was made because of a tacit assurance Mrs. Richardson received from the board last year that her pay would be advanced.

Superintendent Ashton presented the school census taken by the clerk of the board, which includes all persons between the ages of 5 and 21. The school population is 4,664, showing an increase of 246 over the census of 1895.

The following estimate of funds required to run the schools for the ensuing year was given by the Finance Committee: For the four wards, \$17,785.16. Of this amount the city pays \$12,362.17 and the State \$5,422.99. For the Fifth Ward \$4,742.98. Of this amount the ward pays \$3,733.98 and the State \$1,009.

A communication was received from Mr. Joseph Saunders, principal of the Fifth District schools, stating that it would be necessary to establish another school in that district in order to accommodate the children and to elect an additional teacher. The board directed the Committee on Buildings and Supplies to fit up a room in the Fifth District building, and at the August meeting will elect a teacher for the new school.

The applications of Miss Bettie F. Brown, Mrs. R. H. Jones and Miss Katie Jones, for election to the position of teachers, were read and continued to the August meeting.

The Committee on Buildings and Supplies reported that extensive repairs would have to be made to the school buildings in the Second and Third districts.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the schools will open on the first Tuesday in September, instead of the first Monday, which is Labor Day.

Misses Edwards, Powell, Williams, Schmoele & Co., Anderson, Thompson and C. S. Sherwood, who donated the commencement medals, and to Prof. Womersley for services rendered in connection with the graduating exercises of the High School.

The board re-elected Mr. D. A. Williams as its president, and W. A. Culpepper clerk.

At the conclusion of the meeting President Williams announced the following standing committees:

School Regulations—W. O. Hope, chairman; W. T. Ballentine, R. D. Hamilton and L. M. Palmer.

Buildings and Supplies—B. F. Howell, chairman; George R. Trant, C. H. Morris, W. D. Minter and J. H. Schroeder.

Finance—J. C. Proctor, chairman; George R. Trant and C. H. Morris.

Claims—John T. Lawrence, J. F. Schroeder and H. O. Pearson.

A LETTER FROM A SOLDIER BOY.

The following letter has been received from Sergeant J. F. Sullivan, of Company D, United States Volunteers, who is in Manila, P. I., and, according to his statement he has seen some hard fighting since he left the Rattle Company of this city, of which he was a member during the Spanish War. The sergeant is well known to all the boys, who will be glad to hear from him. After expressing his good wishes for his old comrades, he has the following to say:

"Well, we have had some very hard fights since we came over here. No doubt you have read of some of our fights, as we had the pleasure of whipping the best regiment that Agulnaldo had left. It was the Second Bonny Cavalry, and what we did to them was a plenty. There were 1,200 of them, and only 472 of us, but we killed 239 of them, and the wounded decidedly exceeded that number. Our wounded and killed were 7. We captured 47 prisoners and 39 guns of all description. We captured two captains and one major; also we killed an American traitor and deserter from the Sixth Artillery, whom Agulnaldo had made a major in the Philippine army. His name was Christy Johnson, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind. He was a handsome young man about 25 years old, of light complexion. When the fight was over we went over to the place where Johnson lay dying, and he lay with his face to the ground, and when our colonel asked him his name he said 'no sabie,' which means I don't understand, but finally he gave in, and he turned on his side and told his name, and then gave his commission as major in the Philippine army.

"Well, my opinion is that the insurrection is about at a standstill. All we do now is battalion drill and dress parade every day, and to make it worse, we have to wear white gloves, and an order has just been published to draw kahl blouses and brown helmet, and for dress parade we have to wear white pants, white canvas shoes and white helmet. What do you think of that? What will it be next?

"Well, I cannot think of any more at present, so I will draw my pen to a close. Good luck to all. Dr. Peed sends best wishes.

"Your obedient servant
J. F. SULLIVAN.
Sergt. Co. D, 25th U. S. V. L."

PLUCK VS. LUCK.

The Rev. J. N. Latham, pastor of the Park View M. E. Church, will preach at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. His theme will be "Pluck vs. Luck." W. H. Ward, of Trinity Church choir, will sing and the meeting will be generally interesting.

The boys' gospel army will meet at 3 o'clock.

TAKE THE PORT NORFOLK CARS FOR AN AFTERNOON TRIP TO PORT NORFOLK AND PINNERS POINT.

Room 201-214 High street.

Homes for Sale on the Monthly Installment Plan.

We will make special inducements to parties desiring homes in Park View for the next few days. If you want one and mean business call to-day. All modern improvements at the lowest cost. Get our terms for a nice home and you will buy one. Lots in all sections.

THE SEABOARD REAL ESTATE COMPANY.

Room 201-214 High street.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

For the Second District of Virginia.

The Republicans of the Second District of Virginia have been called to assemble in convention at the city of Norfolk, Va., on Wednesday, the first day of August, 1900, at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Fifty-seventh Congress, and to elect five (5) members of the State Committee, and a chairman of the District Committee.

The number of delegates and alternates to be elected by each city and county is in accordance with the resolution of the District Committee which follows, and as indicated by this schedule:

SCHEDULE.

Delegates.	Altn's.
Charles City	2
Elizabeth City	1
James City	1
Nansemond	2
Norfolk county	17
Princess Anne	3
Southampton	2
Surry	1
York	1
Newport News	4
Norfolk city	10
Portsmouth	4
Williamsburg	4
Isle of Wight	4
Warwick	2

Delegates and alternates will be elected by delegated conventions at times and places designated by the respective committees of the cities and counties.

All conventions shall be called to order by the chairman or, in his absence, by a member of the committee which has called such convention, and he shall immediately take the sense of the convention for a temporary chairman.

County and city conventions will elect a member of the District Committee and county and city chairmen and members of the county and city committees as provided by the plan of party organization.

Credentials of delegates and alternates to the Congressional Convention must be certified to S. L. Burroughs, chairman of the Congressional Committee, Portsmouth, Va.

S. L. BURROUGHS, Chairman District Congressional Committee.

JAMES I. MITCHELL, Secretary.

COUNTY TEACHERS ELECTED.

The School Board of Western Branch District elected teachers yesterday for the ensuing term. In the selection applicants from the county were given preference over those from Portsmouth and Norfolk. The following white teachers were elected:

Prentiss Place—J. L. Codd, principal; Miss L. V. James, Miss Della Hall Brooks, Miss Emma Deal.

Clarks—William C. Jones, principal; Fannie S. White, Mabel Pollard, Fannie E. Driver.

Port Norfolk—Roderick Triplett, principal; Mattie Jordan.

Pinner's Point—Fannie Moore.

West Norfolk—A. J. Rutter, principal; Bettie W. Wright.

Churchland—Vacant.

Jolliffe—Nora E. Peek.

Quilless—Florence Kellam.

Olive Branch—Ivy S. Carter.

Substitute—Annie D. Matthews, S. R. Huff, Sarah T. Corbell.

Indian School—J. Adelaide Bass.

The following colored teachers were elected:

Brighton—Cornelius R. Melvin, principal; Julia O. Young.

High Street—William H. Cones, principal; Maggie Boykin.

Round House—George H. Walker, principal; Amelia J. Eubanks, Hattie DeLass.

Mt. Herman—Kate Elliott.

Pinner's Point—Ellenora Brown.

West Norfolk—D. G. Jacob, principal; Delilah Connors.

Churchland—J. W. Baker, principal; Virginia Sheppard.

Jolliffe—John R. Custis, principal; Edith Reed.

Eureka—J. H. Clark, principal; Evelyn N. Jones.

Portsmouth—Richard V. Laigh.

The Board has made arrangements to buy the building at Pinner's Point, formerly used as a Presbyterian church, and will convert it into a schoolhouse.

A committee was also appointed to purchase a schoolhouse at Mt. Herman. The new school building at Prentiss Place and Scottsville will be finished in about thirty days.

FERRY NOTES.

The plans for the new ferry docks and houses are nearly completed. The houses will be located just east of Water street, on High street. The gateway will be on the corner of High and Water streets. The present ferry house will be used for offices, store-rooms, etc. There will be two docks 150 feet long, with a straight shoot to Norfolk. Work on them will be commenced in a very short while. The cost of building the docks and ferry-houses will be about \$40,000. One dock will be built, and will be put in use. The old lay up dock at the foot of Queen street will be temporarily repaired, and will be used by the boat running from Portsmouth to Berkeley until dock No. 2 is completed. A number of splices, etc., have been ordered, and will be used in the new dock, which will be much heavier and stronger than any dock that the ferry has.

The Elizabeth will be completed in two or three weeks. She will be used as a relief boat at night and in case another boat has to be taken off. When she is finished the Superior will have a thorough overhauling.

Before the end of the present year the ferry will be in a splendid condition, and it will be one that our people can look to with pride.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The Shipbuilders came to Portsmouth for another drubbing this afternoon. Game called at 1 o'clock.

Johnnie Kauffman will pitch for Portsmouth to-day. The rooters will remember his good work with the "All Americans" last season, and as he kept himself in condition while at Pennsylvania University this spring, he will doubtless win his game this afternoon. "Red" Armstrong, says Kauffman, is the best amateur pitcher he ever saw. He could easily have made the varsity team this season, but was at college for study, and would not play ball.

Get together this afternoon, rooters, and let's take another fall out of Harvey's "Honeys." Kauffman will do his part, and good rooting helps to win games.

The interest in the league race is increasing, and the fans will support the great article of ball the "Boers" have been putting up recently. The Virginia League is undoubtedly a fixed institution.

Clarke hopes to get back in the game to-day, and the rooters will be glad to see him in his old place. Morrissey and Allen have done good work in his absence.

THE LADIES INDIGNANT.

The recent order of Dr. Ferabee, to close up the Hospital grounds on Sundays and holidays, has made the ladies of this city very indignant. They say that it is the only place where they can take a stroll Sunday afternoons, and to be deprived of that pleasure means a great sacrifice on their part. They do not think that they should be made to suffer for what some mischievous people do. If the order is carried out a petition will be gotten up by the ladies asking him to rescind the same.

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C. H. Hix has been appointed trainmaster of the Second Division of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, with office at Hamlet, N. C. The appointment is effective July 10th.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

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(New York Times.)

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From this time forth, and thenceforward, she received every advantage which money and education could supply, becoming not only versed in ancient languages, an ardent student of the history, mathematics and science, but proficient in French, German and Italian, which she spoke as her own language.

However, she early turned to what was her life work—the care of the sick—and during a period of thirteen years devoted her attention and energy to the organization and improvement of hospitals, visiting all the hospitals of London, Edinburgh and Dublin; all the hospitals of Paris, where she studied with the Sisters of Charity; the Institution for Protestant Deaconesses at Kaiserswerth, on the Rhine, where she was twice in training as a nurse; the hospitals at Berlin and others in Germany; at Lyons, Brussels, Rome, Constantinople, and Alexandria; and the war hospitals of the French and Sardinians. In 1853 she took charge of a home for invalid and invalid governesses in London.

Her wonderful work during the Crimean war was rewarded by the thanks of the Queen and of Parliament and by a fund of \$25,000, which all donated, contributed, every soldier in the army giving a day's pay.

This testimonial was accepted, but the recipient said that every shilling of the fund should be used to establish and maintain an institution for the training of nurses and hospital attendants. The result was the Florence Nightingale School for Nurses in Harley street, London. For many years its founder personally superintended the school. Most of the time since her return from the Crimea Miss Nightingale has been a confined invalid, but ill health has, in her case, induced no cessation of good works. She has found a way to write, we learn, on the subject of nursing, and her relevant thought by the war departments of every country, has been the basis of modern hospital and ambulance work in war.

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